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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA: CYPRIOT VIEW

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1. FON MIN (IPSARIDES) CONFIRMED GOCYPRUS WILL PARTICIPATE IN MARCH 11-13 ATHENS MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE. REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE JACOVIDES (GOCYPRUS UN MISSION) AND LOUCAIDES (ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE).

2. IPSARIDES REITERATED THAT GOCYPRUS DOES NOT DISAGREE WITH U.S. POSITIONS ON LOS; DIFFICULTY ON STRAITS ISSUE HAD BEEN RESULT "NECESSITY" FOLLOW GREEK LEAD. IPSARIDES NOTED HE AWARE GREEK POSITION ON FREE VS. INNOCENT PASSAGE SHIFTING
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TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITION AND ATTRIBUTED CHANGE TO ADVENT

TETENES AS FON MIN. BECAUSE TETENES FAMILIAR WITH TECHNICAL ASPECTS THIS ISSUE, IPSARIDES SAID, HE ABLE UNDERSTAND REASONABLENESS OF FREE PASSAGE AND IS NOT BOUND BY CONCEPTUAL RIGIDITY. IPSARIDES ANTICIPATED FULL CYPRIOT SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION ONCE GREEK POSITION OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

3. GOCYPRUS NOT YET INFORMED RE EXTENT PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES IN ATHENS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING IPSARIDES, CYPRUS ATTENDING DUTIFULLY WITHOUT REAL EXPECTATION "MEDITERRANEAN POSITION" CAN BE DEVELOPED. NOTING CYPRIOT CONCERN THAT GREEK-TURKISH OIL EXPLORATION CONTROVERSY COULD EXPLODE, HE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES PARTIES WILL AVOID INCLUSION THIS QUESTION IN SPECIFICS EVEN IF OTHER PARTICIPANTS SEEK GENERALIZED DISCUSSION EXPLORATION PROBLEMS.

4. FOLLOWING ATHENS MEETING, JACOVIDES WILL COME CYPRUS FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR GOING NAIROBI FOR GROUP OF 77 CONFERENCE ON LOS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 25 THROUGH APRIL 5. GRANT

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